

## CLAIMS

## What is claimed is :

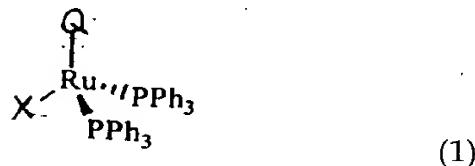
1. A process for preparing a chiral ester expressed in formula 100 by reacting;  
a racemic alcohol of formula 4;

5 a ruthenium complex selected from the group consisting of compounds 1, 2, and 3 expressed in formulas 1, 2, and 3 to activate racemization of said racemic alcohol;

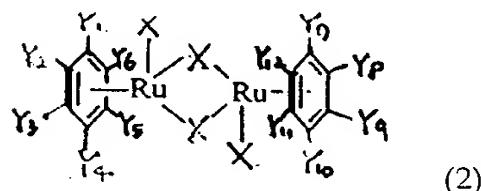
a lipase to acylate one enantiomer selectively from said racemic alcohol;

and

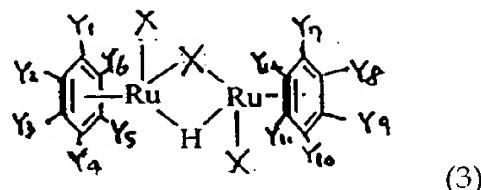
10 an acyl donor compound to supply acyl group to said lipase,



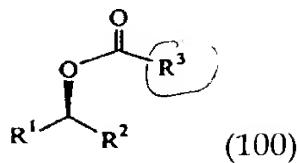
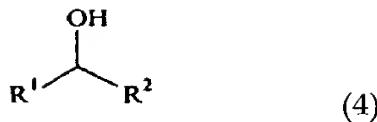
wherein Q is ; and X is Br, Cl or I;



15 wherein Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, and Y12 are independently a hydrogen atom or C1-C5 alkyl group; and X is Br, Cl or I;

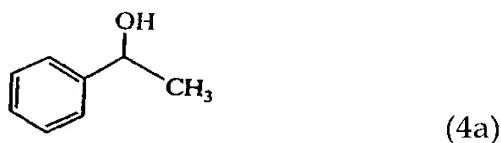


20 wherein Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, and Y12 are independently a hydrogen atom or C1-C5 alkyl group; and X is Br, Cl or I; and

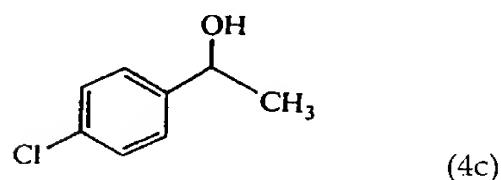
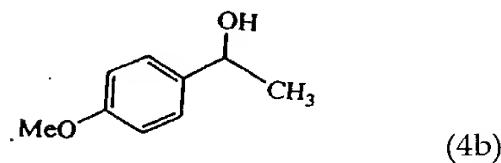


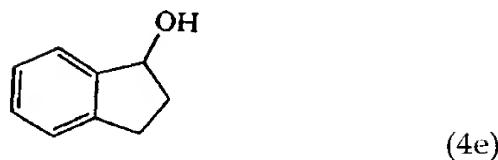
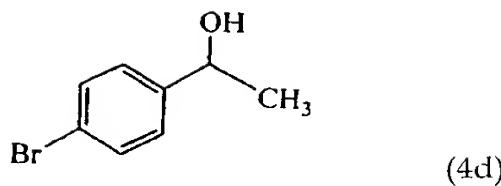
wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are, independently, optionally substituted alkyl, 5 optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted cycloalkyl group and R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup>, and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> can be cyclized each other, where said substituent of alkyl, aryl and cycloalkyl is a hetero atom such as a halogen atom and a cyano group.

10 2. The process for preparing a chiral ester according to claim 1, wherein said racemic alcohol is selected from the group consisting of the compounds 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e and 4f.

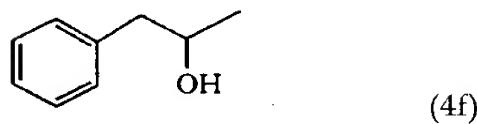


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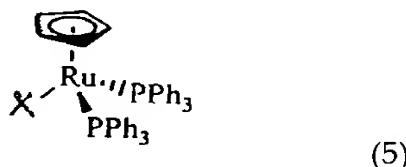


3. The process for preparing a chiral ester according to claim 1, wherein said lipase is selected from the group consisting of *Pseudomonas cepacia* lipase and *Candida antarctica* lipase.

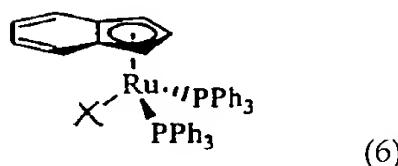
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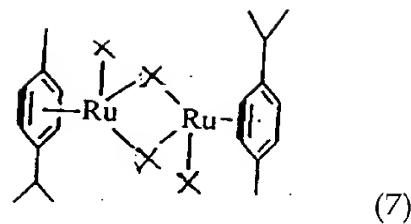
4. The process for preparing a chiral ester according to claim 1, wherein said ruthenium complex is selected from the group consisting of compounds 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12,

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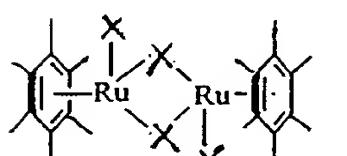


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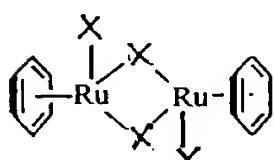




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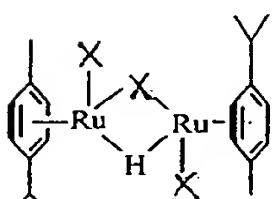


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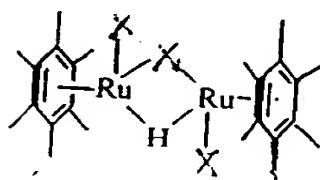


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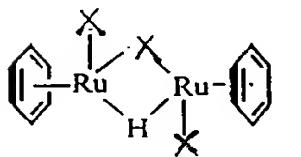


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wherein X is Cl, Br or I, the most preferably Cl.

5. The process for preparing a chiral ester according to claim 3, wherein X is  
Cl.

6. The process for preparing a chiral ester according to claim 1, wherein said  
5 reaction requires use of oxygen gas.

7. The process for preparing a chiral ester according to claim 1, wherein a  
content of said ruthenium complex or its derivatives is in the range of 0.1 to  
5mol% to said racemic alcohol.

8. The process for preparing a chiral ester according to claim 1, wherein said  
acyl donor compound is aryl ester.

9. The process for preparing a chiral ester according to claim 7, wherein said  
15 aryl ester is selected from the group consisting of *p*-chlorophenyl acetate and  
alkenyl acetate.